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MUSIC; ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT
GROUP INC.; CAPITOL RECORDS, INC.;
WARNER BROS. RECORDS INC.; and
UMG RECORDINGS, INC.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION

ARISTA RECORDS LLC, a Delaware limited
liability company; SONY BMG MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT, a Delaware general
partnership; BMG MUSIC, a New York general
partnership; ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT
GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation;
CAPITOL RECORDS, INC., a Delaware
corporation; WARNER BROS. RECORDS
INC., a Delaware corporation; and UMG
RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN DOE,

Defendant.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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CV NO. 08 1194

**EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE
TO TAKE IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY**

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Case No. _____

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1 Plaintiffs, through their undersigned counsel, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26
2 and 45, the Declaration of Carlos Linares, and the authorities cited in the supporting Memorandum
3 of Law, hereby apply *ex parte* for an Order permitting Plaintiffs to take immediate discovery.

4 In support thereof, Plaintiffs represent as follows:

5 Plaintiffs, record companies who own the copyrights in the most popular sound recordings in
6 the United States, seek leave of the Court to serve limited, immediate discovery on a third party
7 Internet Service Provider ("ISP") to determine the true identity of Defendant, who is being sued for
8 direct copyright infringement.¹

9 As alleged in the complaint, Defendant, without authorization, used an online media
10 distribution system to download Plaintiffs' copyrighted works and/or distribute copyrighted works to
11 the public. Although Plaintiffs do not know the true name of Defendant, Plaintiffs have identified
12 Defendant by a unique Internet Protocol ("IP") address assigned to Defendant on the date and time
13 of Defendant's infringing activity.

14 Plaintiffs intend to serve a Rule 45 subpoena on the ISP seeking documents that identify
15 Defendant's true name, current (and permanent) address and telephone number, e-mail address, and
16 Media Access Control ("MAC") address. Without this information, Plaintiffs cannot identify
17 Defendant or pursue their lawsuit to protect their copyrighted works from repeated infringement.

18 Good cause exists to allow Plaintiffs to conduct this limited discovery in advance of a Rule
19 26(f) conference where there are no known defendants with whom to confer.

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26 ¹ Because Plaintiffs do not yet know Defendant's true identity, Plaintiffs are unable to
27 personally serve Defendant with a copy of this motion. Instead, Plaintiffs will serve the Clerk of
28 Court pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b)(2)(D) ("A paper is served under this rule by . . . leaving it with
the court clerk if the person has no known address.") and will serve Defendant's ISP with a copy of
this motion. Additionally, if the Court grants this motion, Plaintiffs will ask the ISP to notify the
Defendants of the subpoena and provide Defendant with an opportunity to object.

1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs apply *ex parte* for an Order permitting Plaintiffs to conduct the
2 foregoing requested discovery immediately.

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5 Dated: February 28, 2008

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